

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 14, 2011. Claims 1-17, 19-22 and 24-26 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 3, 20, 21, 24 and 25 are in independent form.¹ Claims 18, 23 and 27 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 24-26 have been amended. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-17 and 19-22 were allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge such indication.

In addition, Claims 24 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended these claims and Claim 26 to eliminate this as an issue. It is believed that the above-mentioned rejections have been obviated and their withdrawal is, therefore, respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

¹ In the Office Action, Claims 1-17, 19-22, 24 and 25 were considered pending. Applicants hereby formally cancel Claims 18, 23 and 27 in Group II. Applicants also submit that Claim 26, which depends from Claim 24, should also be in Group I and therefore be pending.

Respectfully submitted,

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